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Introduced by:
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**AN ACT TO FIGHT VIOLENT CRIME ARISING FROM LOST OR
STOLEN FIREARMS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) Whenever a person
2 who possesses a firearm, as defined in section 53a-3 of the general
3 statutes, does not have actual physical possession of such firearm, such
4 person shall store or keep such firearm in such a manner as to ensure
5 that there is not a substantial and unjustifiable risk that such firearm
6 will be stolen or otherwise come into the possession of another person
7 without authorization. Such risk must be of such nature and degree
8 that the failure to perceive it constitutes a gross deviation from the
9 standard of care that a reasonable person would observe in the
10 situation.

11 (b) Any person who violates subsection (a) of this section and such
12 firearm is seized or recovered by a law enforcement agency while not
13 in the possession of such person shall be guilty of a class A
14 misdemeanor.

15 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) Any person who

16 possesses a firearm, as defined in section 53a-3 of the general statutes,
 17 that is stolen from such person or that such person loses shall report
 18 such theft or loss to the organized local police department for the town
 19 in which the theft or loss occurred or, if such town does not have an
 20 organized local police department, to the state police troop having
 21 jurisdiction for such town, not later than seventy-two hours after such
 22 person discovered or should have discovered such theft or loss. Such
 23 department or troop shall forthwith forward a copy of such report to
 24 the Commissioner of Public Safety.

25 (b) Any person who fails to make a report required by subsection (a)
 26 of this section within the prescribed time period shall commit an
 27 infraction for the first offense, be guilty of a class A misdemeanor for a
 28 second offense and be guilty of a class D felony for any subsequent
 29 offense, except that, if such person intentionally fails to make such
 30 report within the prescribed time period, such person shall be guilty of
 31 a class A misdemeanor for the first offense and a class D felony for any
 32 subsequent offense.

33 (c) The Department of Public Safety shall maintain a database of
 34 persons who have reported the theft or loss of a firearm pursuant to
 35 subsection (a) of this section or have committed an infraction or been
 36 convicted of a crime pursuant to subsection (b) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To fight violent crime that results from the illegal trade and distribution of firearms that have been lost by or stolen from legitimate gun owners, identify individuals furthering and profiting from such trade and distribution and give law enforcement the tools necessary to fight violent crime by requiring an owner to report the loss or theft of a firearm promptly upon discovery to local law enforcement authorities.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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